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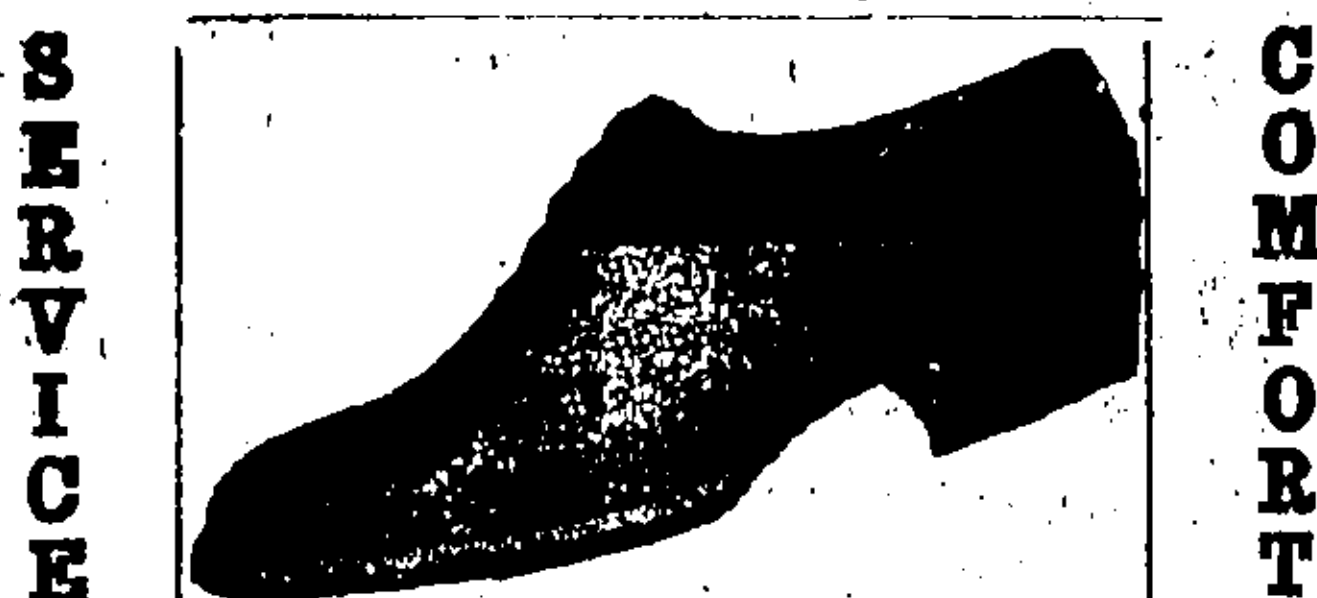

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HINT OF FURTHER RETRENCHMENTS.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, December 12.
Lord Inchcape at the meeting of the P. and O. Company regretted that with a few exceptions the earnings on every voyage of Peninsular steamers during the past twelve months were below the disbursements of the company. They were reluctantly compelled to reduce the wages of staffs and further reductions might be necessary to keep the ships at sea and cover working charges. He suggested that unemployment might be remedied if the trade unions suspended their regulations in regard to minimum rates of wages and restriction of the hours of labour and output and gave economic conditions free play for a year or two so that costs of production might decrease and world markets be found for any increased output of British manufactures.

Imperial Conferences were undoubtedly very valuable to the Empire but were a somewhat disturbing influence upon domestic affairs. Lord Inchcape hoped that when the next Imperial Conference was arranged it would be one of the conditions that any mention of Imperial preference or tariffs be rigidly excluded from discussion. He would not rule out free trade within the Empire but as most of the Dominions depended largely on the revenue from high tariffs he was afraid that for many years this would not be a practical proposition. He believed that the different units of the Empire would hold together better if each were left free to carry on in the way apparently best suited to its own condition.

HOME POLITICS.
GOVERNMENT PRUNES PROGRAMME.
TARIFF PROPOSALS DROPPED.

LONDON, December 12.
It is authoritatively stated that the programme with which the Government will meet Parliament will not include Mr. Baldwin's tariff proposals but most probably the measures for Empire development agreed upon by the Imperial Conference other than those of a protectionist character, will be put in the forefront—for example, the extension of trade credits, improvement of communications, and preference in imperial contracts. Mr. Asquith has replied to a correspondent that there is "no foundation for the foolish inventions" that the Liberals seek an alliance with the Conservatives.

LABOUR PARTY'S POSITION.
LONDON, December 12.
The Executive of the Labour Party has decided that in the event of Labour being invited to form a Government the Parliamentary party will immediately accept full responsibility for the Government of the country without compromising itself with any form of coalition.

READY FOR THE NEXT.
LATER.
The Labourite Executive has carried a resolution, in view of the critical parliamentary position and the possibility of another early election, requesting Mr. Arthur Henderson, the headquarters staff and regional officers immediately to prepare for the next contest, which will be the most momentous in the history of Labour.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY RESULT.
LONDON, December 12.
Sir Charles Oman and Lord Hugh Cecil (Conservatives) were elected for Oxford University with a majority of 240 over Professor Gilbert Murray (Liberal).

GREAT BRITAIN'S DEBTS.
MR. MACDONALD'S VIEWS.

BRUSSELS, December 13.
Views recently expressed in a French interview with Mr. Ramsay MacDonald were quickly taken up in the Chamber during a debate. Premier Theunis replying to criticisms made by the socialist Van Der Velde, asserted that Mr. MacDonald's first declaration after the Labour success at the polls, was that he insisted on the payment of inter-allied debts. Van Der Velde said such a declaration would contradict the engagements taken at the Frankfurt Conference and if Mr. MacDonald did not honour engagements, they knew how to recall them to him. Mr. MacDonald made a statement tonight saying what he told the interviewer was, if there was no general settlement, Great Britain could not continue to pay her American debt and allow France which was industrially better off than we, to disregard her obligations to us. He emphasises "we never will agree to anything which victimises Great Britain in the interests of any other State."

GERMANY'S FLIGHT.
END OF TETHER.

BERLIN, December 13.
Addressing foreign pressmen, Chancellor Marx said Germany was at the end of her tether and could not carry on without foreign assistance. The Government officials, including even Judges, intended to demonstrate to-morrow against the totally inadequate level to which salaries had been reduced.

PANAMA-CANAL TOLLS.
SENATOR BORAH'S PROPOSAL.
WASHINGTON, December 12.
In the Senate Senator Borah introduced a Bill to repeal the Panama Canal tolls so far as they affect American coastal shipping. The bill was referred to a committee.—Reuter's American Service.

DRUG TRAFFIC.
CATCH OF THE SEASON.
JAPANESE AT OLD BAILEY.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, December 12.
Asukichi Miro, a Japanese, was charged with unlawfully procuring five hundred pounds of opium at the Old Bailey. Counsel stated that the authorities were of opinion he was the largest trafficker in drugs ever brought to justice. A consignment of morphine hydrochloride was seized by the police at Marseilles valued at \$9,000. Counsel said the Home Office knew very large consignments of drugs had been smuggled into Japan in recent years and that some had found their way into China and India and even back to Britain. They went throughout the world and there was no control on them once they passed through legitimate hands. Miyagawa trafficked enormously in drugs not only with a firm in Switzerland but also with a firm in Hamburg. The prisoner exported \$37,590 sterling worth of heroin from Hamburg in the last week in October. He was backed by very powerful and wealthy organisation. Representations had been made to the German government and there had been many arrests in Hamburg in the last few days. The Recorder said the prisoner would be recommended for deportation and would have to pay all the expenses of the prosecution.

INTER-VARSITY SOCCER.
EXCITING GAME ENDS IN DRAW.

LONDON, December 12.
At the Crystal Palace for the inter-arsity soccer match the weather was dull and five thousand people were present. Cambridge and Oxford drew, the score being one goal all.
Good work by the Cambridge forwards resulted in their centre forward Hilleary, scoring after three minutes. The game was fast and interesting. Cambridge continued to do well but towards the interval Oxford were frequently attacking. At half-time Cambridge had scored one goal and Oxford none. On the resumption there was a fast and long struggle and after twenty-three minutes Oxford equalised through their centre half, Chaddier, heading in from a corner. Both sides made very strenuous efforts to gain the lead and both goals had narrow escapes. A most exciting game ended, however, in a draw.

CHINESE LOAN BONDS.
FRENCH HOLDERS ANXIOUS.

PARIS, December 12.
M. Poincaré, replying to a letter from M. Tardieu on behalf of a number of holders of Chinese five per cent 1913 (?) loan who have not been paid dividends since September 1921, states that so far as this particular loan is concerned the Chinese Government can invoke no valid reason to justify non-payment of dividends. French diplomacy had continued to urge the absolute necessity of China's respecting her obligations in regard to French holders of the loan. The political instability of China had rendered vain the steps hitherto taken thereabout by the French Legation in Peking but negotiations would be renewed as soon as the new Government was constituted and would be followed up with all regard to French interests.

MEXICAN MIX-UP.
CONFLICTING REPORTS.

NEW YORK, December 12.
The Mexican situation is at present perplexing owing to the impossibility of reconciling the conflicting reports from governmental and rebel sources, respectively, but it is apparent the rebel forces, unopposed, are moving in two lines along the railway from Vera Cruz and are rapidly approaching Mexico City. One has reached Apizaco and the other Esperanza.—Reuter's American Service

COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE.
CH. ESE DELEGATE RE-ELECTED.

GENEVA, December 12.
The international communications conference has closed. Minister Tcheng Loh, the Chinese delegate, who is at present in China was re-elected by 26 votes on the advisory committee which is to continue its functions. The important points of five Chinese proposals were adopted in principle.

WORLD COURT.
AMERICAN WOMEN WANT IT.

WASHINGTON, December 12.
A delegation of five women from Minnesota called on President Coolidge and Mr. Hughes with a petition said to contain a hundred thousand names in favour of American participation in a World Court. Similar demonstrations are being organised by the League of Women Voters.

REPARATIONS.
AMERICAN HOPES.

NEW YORK, December 12.
The newspapers welcome American participation in the investigations of the two expert committees established by the Reparations Commission and hope something will emerge therefrom tending to ameliorate the situation.

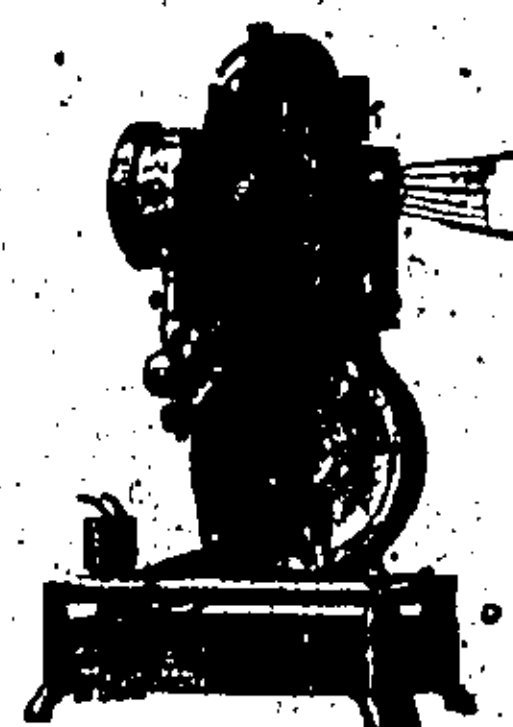
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This Notice is not to be regarded as an invitation to the public to subscribe for Debentures and applications therefor will be received by the Company's Bankers only as and when the said Prospectus has been duly filed with the Registrar of Companies and on the footing of such Prospectus and on the form to be issued therewith.

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PUNCH TICKETS
Owners of Punch Tickets are warned that these will not be valid after 15th December 1923 and will not be accepted on the Cars after that date.

Punch Tickets may, however, be returned to the Company's Office when a coupon of the same Class, or the cash equivalent of a Coupon of the same Class, will be given in exchange for each unused Ride.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers
Hongkong, 11th December, 1923.

NOTICE.

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H. P. WINSLOW,
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Kowloon, December 11, 1923.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the Sale, by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 17th day of December, 1923, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of One Lot of CROWN LAND above Bowen Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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G. W. BARTON.
Hongkong, December 8, 1923.

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
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Hongkong, 30th November, 1923.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

The Duke of York was present at a dinner given by the American Ambassador, Mr. Harvey, at the Marlborough Club.

During a baptism at Sjørna, Norway, the mother of the infant, as she was about to hand it to the priest, discovered that it lay dead in her arms.

Mr. W. Livingstone, tutor and librarian of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, has been appointed vice-chancellor of Queen's University, Belfast.

Sir Esme William Howard, British Ambassador to Spain, has gone to Sitges, near Barcelona, to attend the opening of a new motor-track, said to be one of the finest in the world.

Pump-court, Temple, E.C., well known to readers of *Thackeray*, is to have the appearance of its old pump restored by means of an oak case for the top which replaced the original pump.

The salvage operations upon the wrecked auxiliary cruiser "Lauritic," sunk in Lough Swilly in January 1917, are to be resumed next spring. The bullion and specie so far recovered amounts to about £6,500,000.

The British American Tobacco Company has bought 18 acres of land at Southampton to build a new factory in which 1,000 workers will be employed. There are only 300 working in the present building.

President Coolidge at Washington witnessed the laying of the cornerstone of a Greek temple to George Washington, the man and the Freemason; the building will have a tower 200 ft. high.

Mr. J. T. W. Newbold, Britain's only Communist M.P., who represents Motherwell (Glasgow), has a Soviet ship named after him—the s.s. "Newbold," employed in the timber trade between Petrograd and British ports.

H.M.S. "Chatham" is to be replaced on the New Zealand station, at the request of the New Zealand Government, by the light cruiser "Dunedin," which is more suitable for long-distance cruising.

Sir William Coates, president of the Belfast Chamber of Commerce, in complaining that carrying companies are improperly refusing goods for Northern Ireland, says that all merchandise consigned via Belfast can be easily and safely distributed.



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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Sir Arthur Stanley, chairman of the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, has been presented with his portrait on behalf of the Canadian officers who accepted the hospitality of the club during the war.

The trustees of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust have decided to make £1,000 grant for books to be used in an experimental scheme for the instruction of young prisoners sentenced for several years.

A message from Syria states that a French court there has condemned to death two Arabs who were convicted of complicity in the attempt to ambush Sir Herbert Samuel, the High Commissioner of Palestine, in the spring.

The South Dublin by-election for a vacancy in the Irish Free State Parliament resulted in a victory for Mr. Hugh Kennedy, the Free State Attorney-General, with a majority of 12,174 over Mr. Michael O'Mullane, Republican.

Creditors of the Norse Lloyd Insurance Company "Ltd., of Birchin-lane, E.C., have received from the Official Receiver a summary of the company's statement of affairs, which shows liabilities, £588,642, and estimated assets, £102,747.

Lady de Frece (Miss Vesta Tilley) has made such progress from her recent illness that she is leaving her house at Sefton Park, Stoke Poges, for the south of France, where she will probably stay for several months.

The firm of Canadian Vickers, Ltd., has bought the plant and business of the Phoenix Bridge and Iron Works, a Montreal steel manufacturing company formed in 1913 with bonds issued in England on which the interest has been in arrears as from May 1922.

At an Aldershot inquest on Alfred Ingram, 19, a Welsh Guardsman who shot himself after being reduced from lance-corporal, it was stated that soldiers could always obtain ball cartridge when they wished. A verdict of suicide while Temporarily Insane was returned.

On the ground that any loss of revenue would be compensated for by a smaller expenditure on unemployment relief schemes, the Edmonton District Council, N., is considering a proposal to ask the Minister of Health to allow rates on factories to be reduced on condition that more men are employed.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned at the inquest on Herbert Lacombe, the Salisbury Corinthians' goalkeeper, who was fatally injured in a football match at Portland. The jury exonerated from blame Wilfred Booker, of Portland United, with whom Lacombe came into collision.

The Swiss Minister presented at the Quai d'Orsay a note concerning the transfer of the French Customs cordon to the political frontier from the other side of the Free Zones, declaring that the Swiss Government can only continue negotiation if the equality of both parties is clearly established.

FARES FOR PUBLIC VEHICLES.

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Half hour, 25 " 40 "
One hour, 35 " 50 "
Every subsequent hour, 25 " 40 "
II.—Hill District.
With 2 Drivers With 4 Drivers.
Ten minutes, 15 cents 30 cents
Quarter hour, 20 " 40 "
Half hour, 30 " 50 "
One hour, 40 " 60 "
Every subsequent hour, 25 " 40 "

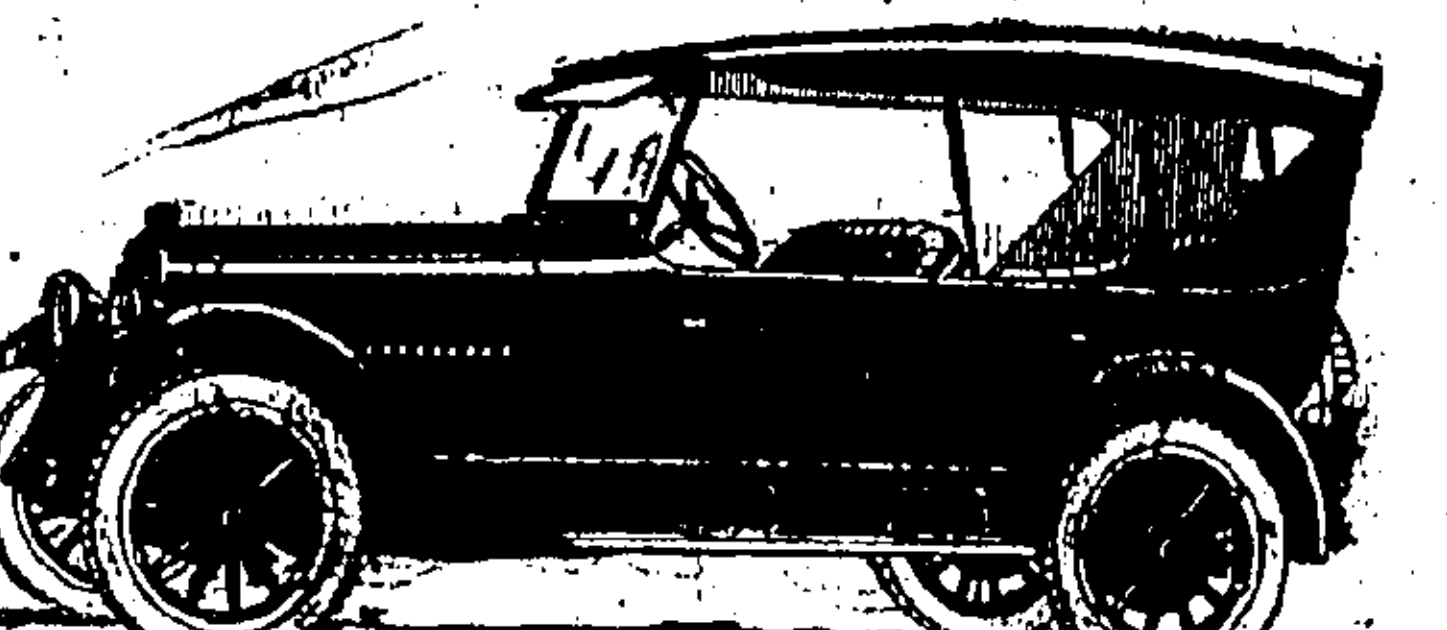
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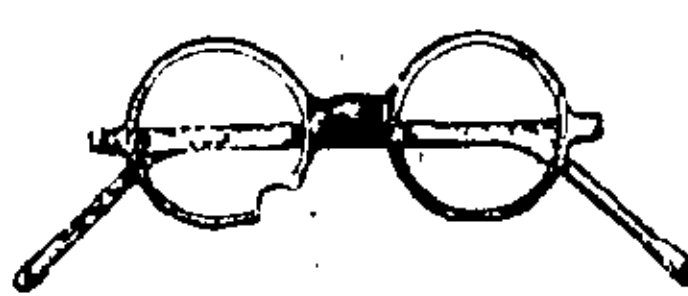
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HONGKONG THURSDAY, DEC. 13, 1923.

OSTRICH-LIKE.

"Where an opinion is general, it is usually correct." And in spite of what anyone may say to the contrary there is general opinion that the question of Reservations is, at the moment at least, one way out of the vexed question of the Housing and rent problem which embarrasses and hampers quite a number of Europeans who have not acquired vast wealth or inherited any sufficient to make them indifferent to the needs of the day and to adopt the attitude of "this does not affect me in the least." We find it therefore a little difficult to be patient with a line of action that suggests that because an opinion has previously been expressed on a certain topic, it should be adhered to, because to recant would be an act of childishness. Such an attitude, to say the least, is pure childishness and antagonistic to ordinary progress of thought and action. Neither can we be patient with statements which prove nothing and serve only to suggest thoughts of racial prejudice which we are certain do not exist. It may be kindled if it is proved, as it probably can be, that the difficulties under which many

sarily due to the ordinary course of economic conditions, but to a condition which if it be economic has been brought about by chaotic conditions in Canton and the adjoining province. Property in the Colony may be mainly in the hands of Chinese but it would be interesting to have figures as to the number of holders who previously centred their affections in things Canton or those locally who have fostered and taken part in a boom that has been profitable for one section but has left in its train a sense of dissatisfaction which it is hard to eradicate and which we hope Reservations will somewhat dissipate. The conditions are unusual. The Europeans presumably are to blame because in the main they are wage-earning and not profit sharing, and if this fact is acknowledged as it must be, those who differ must come to see that the proposed segregation is not antagonistic to the true spirit of forbearance and the recognition of differing national characteristics, but made imperative by the extraordinary conditions which, as we maintain are not so much economic as they are chaotic. The suggested Reservations are not advocated because there is any racial prejudice but because "British residents... are, generally speaking, less wealthy and consequently less able to pay a high rent." Any attempt to ignore these facts and to make willful

functions in face of contrary statements from men of honour and position, cannot be too strongly condemned. The proposed suggestions may result in "unnecessary legislation," may affect the buying and selling values of property built in such Reservations, but until a better method is evolved for meeting a deplorable state of affairs in which unfortunates are made to suffer unnecessarily, for goodness sake let us get on with the matter.

To put one's trust in TRUE. God is only a longer way of saying that one will chance it

SCOTCH. Here is an English translation of a Scotch story:—
Scene: The Kirk.
Padre (preaching): And what manner of beast was it that swallowed Jonah? Was it a shark? Nay, it was no shark. Was it an alligator? Nay, it was no alligator. Was it a porpoise. Was it a—
Excited old lady in the front pew: "Padre dear, it was a whale." Padre: "Hoos, ye old baggage, for taking the word of the Lord out of yer meenister's mouth."

REPUTATION. The evil that men do lives after them. Yes, and a good deal of the evil that they never did as well.

they say is only skin deep, and, as the Christy Minstrel said to his colleagues, "well, go out and get skinned." We cannot help but notice the numerous aids that exist for the prolongation of beauty, or the attempt to create it, where it does not exist and was probably never meant to. They call them Beauty Parlours. What they are like, how those concerned go about their gland-like business, who frequent such places, we know not. Our only experience is that of the Robots Beauty Parlour, where they are not so much skinned as have skins fastened on to them in the shape of a wonderful assortment of Pigments. The appearances of this Beauty Parlour are far from modern and as it is its clientele must necessarily be limited for we cannot imagine that the Robot complexion is likely ever to become popular with our "young men and maidens, old men and children." Delicate aromas float about this Parlour. The nostrils expand as the delicate aromatic favours meet the air. Yes! that was surely the rose de three star; that other the Johnny Jewar; whilst, this surely is the Gin de Gordon. There is also a sheen of smoke, fit exodus of cigarettes and cigars from numerous lips. Chairs there are also, but unlike those you would expect to see in a Beauty Parlour as you can imagine. As we enter the chairs are occupied and two victims sit silently and sphinx-like despite the notice on the door which says "Talking Robots." We do not wonder at their silence. A massive form looms over them; in his hands are strange things and with them he makes strange signs. On faces that once were pale of ruddy, are smeared the cosmetic pickpocket and the rouge that is more than red. Like the hand of a practised artist, moves the "proprietor," until the finished product is wonderful to behold. In whatever success the R.U.R. has achieved let a word be said for Mr. G. Falkner, who "runs" this Robot Beauty Parlour and makes his charges the pride and envy of the Robot world. He never lets his right hand know what his left is doing and his charges literally blush to find their faces all a flame.

The teacher was giving GRUB. a nature study lesson in fruit district on the codlin moth. Rhetorically, he questioned, "Can anyone think of anything worse than to bite an apple and see a grub in it?" After a silence, "Yes," said a small boy. "What?" "To see half a grub."

To-day's Poem.

(Apologia.)

Say not of me that weakly I declined
The labours of my sire, and fled
The sea,
The towers we founded and the
lamps we lit,
To play at home with paper like a
child.
But rather say:
In the afternoon of time
A strenuous family dusted from its
hands
The sand of granite, and beholding
far
Along the sounding coast its pyre-
mids
And tall memorials catch the dying
sun.
Smiled well content, and to this
childish task
Around the fire addressed its evening
hours.
—ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

December 13.—Coronet Theatre: Jackie Coogan in "Trouble."
December 13.—Star Theatre: Italian Grand Opera Co. in "La Traviata" at 9.15 p.m.
December 13.—World Theatre: Priscilla Dean in "The Flame of Life."

December 13.—The Grand Theatre: Eddie Williams in "The Silver Gun."
December 14.—Grand Concert and Minstrel Show at Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
December 15.—Theatre Royal, Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club presents the famous Robot Play the "R.U.R."

December 15.—Dance at Peak Club.
December 18.—Hongkong Philharmonic Society, Grand Concert, Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
January 24.—Fancy Dress Ball at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

LAND SALES.
December 17.—At P.W.D. Offices, two lots of Crown Land, 3 p.m.

AUCTION.
December 13.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, a valuable collection of postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

December 14.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, a fine selection of suits, silks and tailor's sundries, 11 a.m.

December 15.—Lammert Bros., at King's Building, top floor, office furniture, 11 a.m.

December 17.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

December 21.—Lammert Bros., property, machinery, plant and tanning chemicals of the Hongkong Hide and Leather Co., Ltd., at Sales Rooms, 3 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.
December 18 and January 4.—Extraordinary general meeting of the Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited, at 5, Queen's Road Central, Noon.

December 20.—Fifth ordinary meeting of the China Light & Power Co. (1918) Ltd., at St. George's Building, Chater Road, 11 a.m.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

DECEMBER 13.

1710. Lady Kerry, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Cadogan and I, in one coach, set out at ten o'clock this morning from Lord Shelburn's house in Piccadilly to the Tower, and saw all the sights, lions, etc. The ladies were all in mobs; how do you call it? undrest; and it was the mistiest day that ever dripped.—Swift.

SUCCESS.

Success is nothing but doing your duty to the best of your ability. Rewards may and probably will come, but when all is said and done they are only trimmings.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lighting-up time to-day is at 5.40 p.m.

Exchange on London is 2/3 3/4; on Shanghai 69.

Nineteen cases of small-pox (all Chinese) were reported yesterday.

Sugar, flour and rice quotations will be found under Commercial Notes in this issue of the China Mail.

The Route to America via the Commercial Pacific Cable is interrupted. Telegrams are being forwarded via the Atlantic at the rates at present in force.

The farewell performance of the Italian Opera Co. will be given at the Star to-night. The opera will be "Traviata," which has been much in request by the general public.

The Acting-President and the Committee of the Ministering Children's League express their sincere thanks to the press of their Colony for support given in connection with the recent fête. Elsewhere in this issue will be found the names of winners in the raffles.

After many days of lengthy legal argument, the hearing of the charter party case before the Full Court of Appeal was concluded yesterday. The Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies) announced that judgment would be reserved. The other Judges on the Bench were: Sir Skinner Turner (Judge of H. M. Supreme Court, Shanghai) and the Judge of Hongkong (Mr. Justice Gompertz).

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Peak Club is to hold a fancy dress ball on January 24 at 9.15 p.m.

JUST THE THING!

XMAS GIFTS THAT WILL
CHARM.

MOUTRIE'S FINE RANGE.

The name Moutrie is almost a household word in the Far East from Calcutta to Shanghai, Manila to Yokohama, and doubtless in other places that could be named. To the older resident it suggests one word or phrase:—Moutrie pianos. These have stood the test of time, of different styles and wrist strength of performers, and perhaps what is more important still, of climate. Fond lovers, doting husbands, those about to be married, might do worse than give the question of the gift of a Moutrie piano, more than a passing thought. Several examples of the different makes are on view in the commodious and essentially artistic showrooms at Messrs. Moutrie's whose old position is somewhat of a landmark in the Colony. To have a piano, one must of course have music, and the stock of pieces to select from include the latest in light and classical pieces, including some famous albums of collected pieces, as well as examples of choice vocal music. This is not all. Moutrie's are agents for the more than famous "Victor" gramophones which have brought their own joy and satisfaction to the homes of thousands. They stock these conveyers of sweet sounds in all sizes; from the small, to the cabinet, to the graceful period design which it is the ambition of most of us to possess. In addition there arrive at quick moments supplies of the latest records consisting of the classical in orchestral, and solo playing; the vocal and the ever popular jazz. The Victor Co. have a call on some of the most eminent artists of the day; the result is that no one can feel grieved at being absent from the best in music. Moutrie's have demonstrating rooms, neat and effective which permit the purchaser to hear what he thinks of buying, and no pains are spared by the courteous staff to allow clients to "sample" any record that is in stock. The store of course has other things besides those mentioned. At the moment it is a hive of busy bees with all that atmosphere of the Christmas Spirit which makes shopping and present purchasing such an exciting and exhilarating pastime. The window display is pleasant whilst the mute but apparently alive dog at the door remind the passerby and the caller that this is indeed the home of His Master's Voice.

SWEET CHARITY.

A TRIBUTE.

A melancholy interest attaches to the letter a copy of which we are privileged to give below. Earl Knutsford as is generally known, has spent years almost without number, in pleading the cause of the London Hospital. He is popularly known as the Prince of Beggars. The late Mrs. Frost was known for her good and quiet work in the cause of charity. The London Hospital was very dear to her and her efforts in its behalf were, and are, well known. How much they were appreciated is evidenced by Earl Knutsford's letter. It affords some little comfort to those bereaved and to those who appreciate the will to work for suffering humanity wherever it may be:

FROM THE VISCOUNT

KNUTSFORD.

LONDON HOSPITAL,

WHITECHAPEL,

E.I.

23rd October, 1923.

DEAR MRS. FROST.

Will you forgive me for beginning like this and dropping the "Dear Madam," but you have been such a splendid friend to the "London," that I am really moved out of formality.
Your husband, in sending me a cheque for £139 17s. 8d., tells me that it has been collected by you.
However am I to thank you! A sum like this in these hard times is a positive Godsend over here when I hardly know where to turn for help.

I wonder if you can pass on something of my gratitude (intercepting a very great deal for yourself) to all who gave a helping hand in the raffle and other ways. All deserve rewards of the very best, but I can only offer thanks—not mine only—but those of our sick people whom this splendid gift will enable us to help.

In view of your keen interest in the "London," it occurs to me that you might perhaps turn over, and having done that, to pass round a little book I am sending under separate cover as the most trifling of gifts. My Secretary had the cheek to write to me about my doing as a beggar, and although there is too much about me in it, there is quite a lot that is interesting and amusing as regards Hospital work.
Yours very truly

REJUVENATION.

HOW TO ATTAIN IT.

A Doctor interested in gland treatment is to visit Hongkong, so that those who desire a longer hold on life than they think is destined for them will, presumably, have an opportunity of taking the treatment. It reminds us of a book on rejuvenation by a Dr. Jean Frumusan which has been primarily written for French readers and of which a translation into English has been made. In effect, it is a prolonged argument against growing old, and an analysis of the causes of premature senility. It is in this intimate analysis that the un-English character of the work is most in evidence. Dr. Frumusan pictures the average child, as despatched after an inadequate meal, and doomed to spend the day "in dusty classrooms, lacking the ventilation which would give him oxygenation. No rational exercise will train his muscles which greedily clamour for work and yearn for space and light." "We will not for space and light," he continues, "of the gymnastic lessons taken on or twice a week in halls filled with dust, for they are merely parodies of what rational daily training ought to be." Nothing, of course, could be more unlike the ordinary English system, unless it were the description of the day's class-work. "In school," we read, "bent double on his little bench, his chest contracted, shoulders curved, at home bending over a table to write his exercises and to learn his lessons, subject to the same irrational diet as his parents, having learned neither to eat, drink, nor breathe, do you think he will be able to acquire that magnificent development, that integral youth which will defend his organism from injury? He will be an old man in his youth, and these hygienic errors will dog his whole life." The traditional "playing-fields of Eton" will hardly endorse this strange portrait. Nor is the picture of young imbeciles more recognizable. Perched on high heels, which will induce the deviation of her visceral statistics, compressed in a corset which will not only prevent the development of her thoracic and abdominal muscles, and so forth—the English girl of the enlightened public-school will surely repudiate the caricature.

It is not, indeed, until we reach the consideration of middle age that Dr. Frumusan's studies begin to apply to our own necessities. For when once the business man has settled to his desk, his care for hygiene is apt to languish as much in England and elsewhere as in France; and our author draws a not-too-alarms picture of the rosy, plump man of something over 50, whose apparent vigour is entirely deceptive, and whose frame is permeated with the deadly seeds of decay. If we all took a bi-annual examination of our organism we should be shocked by the revelations we received, and yet, there is no need for all this insidious disease, if only the world would follow the example of John Shell, of Greasy Creek, in the State of Kentucky, who celebrated his 130th birthday in 1919. Shell was born in 1789, and married his first wife when he was 19. He lived with her for eighty years, and had twenty-nine children. He married again at 125, and became the father of a child, now 5 years old. He has 200 descendants, and frequently rides thirty kilometres a day on horseback. He attributes his longevity and good health to the fact that he has worked hard all his life; and here are a few precepts to enable others to follow his example. Dr. Frumusan propounds a simple programme:

Go to bed early and rise early. Sleep eight hours. Sleep on a hard bed, well covered up, in an airy room with windows open.

On waking drink a large glass of pure water.

Jump out of bed immediately, and in full light, with unclothed body, perform the internal toilet of the organism by half an hour of physical culture, in regular rhythm with slow inspiratory and expiratory movements.

Then proceed to the external toilet by hydrotherapy (ablutions in cold water) and friction with a rough towel.

To the organism which has thus been regenerated give a substantial but light breakfast, suitable to its avocation.

Sally forth to business, using artificial means of locomotion (trains, carriages, lifts) as little as possible.

Avoid artificial and exciting tonics.

Eat slowly and moderately; do not drink at meals; chew conscientiously; and leave the table, with a sensation of lightness, with the ability to eat more.

Dr. Frumusan closes his survey with a list of striking cases which have yielded to his treatment, many of which have been described by the relatives of the patients as "simply miraculous." His experience has led him to assert, with confidence, that there is no case too bad for the possibility of a real and lasting rejuvenation. To react intelligently against the damage caused by our unreasonably life is sufficient to gain hope.

DOUGLAS LIBEL CASE.

DEFENDANT GIVES
EVIDENCE.

LONDON, December 12.

On the resumption of the Douglas criminal libel case Lord Alfred Douglas gave evidence. Replying to Mr. Justice Avory in regard to the article which the Judge said suggested that Earl Balfour and Mr. Churchill withheld the truth in regard to the account of Sir Ernest Cassel, he said it was written locally and sarcastically and as the statements were not contradicted we considered he had a prescriptive right to believe they were true. The Judge retorted: "That won't do." Lord Alfred Douglas on leaving the box passionately exclaimed that it was most unfair that he had no chance of putting the case to a jury. It was farcical.

Captain Harold Spencer gave evidence alleging that Sir Edward Pack told him on June 2, 1916 that the false report of the work of Mr. Winston Churchill's work. This Sir Edward Pack had previously denied. Captain Spencer also alleged that Mr. Churchill at Dundee in 1910 told him he issued the Dundee report to get money out of the Yanks. Cross-examined by the Attorney-General Captain Spencer admitted that he had been twice convicted but did not admit that he was twice certified as suffering from delusional insanity. The case was adjourned.—Reuter.

PEKING PARS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

December 5.
Things in Peking are not at all well. The new President is making sweeping cuts in the Government staffs, cutting down expenses, and in the long run this should prove very good—if only he does not place some of his own people in safe jobs.

A small fire broke out in the Peking Club the other day and might have ended seriously and disastrously. Fortunately the No. 1 Boy detected the blaze in time and had steps taken to extinguish the flames. The fire was due to the fusing of an electric wire. The club is insured for at least \$150,000. The Loyal North Lancashires arrived in Tientsin last week and received a great welcome. A detachment was sent here a few days ago. The first night on duty, many of the guards were cold and frost bitten and had to go to Hospital. Our dear old authorities are now considering an issue of fur hats for the winter.

FLEET AT KONGMOON.

IMPROVED POLITICAL
SITUATION.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

KONGMOON, December 12.
Made some time ago, the prediction that the present Canton Government would make Kongmoon an important strategic centre seems likely to be fulfilled. The "Wing Fung" one of the smaller of the Northern Cruiser Squadron ships, arrived here this morning. This was one of the men-of-war that remained loyal to Dr. Sun Yat-sen in the June (1922) coup and took part in the bombardment of Canton. It will also be recalled that Sun stayed on board the "Wing Fung" for some weeks at the anchorage off Shameen, before leaving Canton.

Amongst other naval craft in port is the gunboat "Kong Hon," flagship of Admiral Chan Chak, Naval Defence Commissioner, and the "Kong Tai" which is undergoing repairs. H.M.S. "Cicala" left on Monday.

The political tension in the hinterland of Kongmoon has been relieved as the majority of the anti-Sun troops have been driven back. A few are still in the Yan Ping and Hoi Ping districts.

CORRUPT POLITICS.

A petty war has broken out in the Hoi Shan district, where two rival leaders contend for control. It is stated that Saam Chow has been broken into by troops who indulged in looting and other excesses.

EXCEPTION TO THE RULE.
A new battalion of troops has appeared at Pak Kai, the port of Kongmoon, and they have the appearance of a well-trained, and uniformly equipped lot. They are an exception to the rule in that they are disciplined and behave well.

STATION ROBBED.

Last night there was a robbery at Pak Sai, on the railway between Pak Kai and Kongmoon.

a quarter of half a century over and above the conventional limits of youth and longevity. For those who desire to prolong their existence his little book is certainly full of hope.

IN BRIEF.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CABLES.

The Douglas libel action continues.

Tariff reform proposals have been dropped.

The inter-variety soccer match resulted in a draw.

The Mexican position is described as perplexing.

Chancellor Marx says Germany is at the end of her tether.

French holders of Chinese loan bonds are becoming anxious.

American women are in favour of the Country's participation in a World Court.

The Chinese Delegate to the Advisory Committee of the League has been re-elected.

Newspapers in the States welcome American participation in the investigations of the Reparations Commission.

In view of present circumstances the proposed visit of Earl Cavan to Singapore and the Dominions has been cancelled.

A bill has been introduced in to the Senate for the repeal of tolls in the Panama Canal so far as they affect American Coastal Shipping.

Lloyds Underwriters have decided to erect a new home in Leadenhall St. as business has outgrown the accommodation at the Royal Exchange.

A large trafficker in drugs, a Japanese, has been caught and given three years penal servitude. A consignment of drugs valued at \$9000 was seized at Marseilles.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald says if there is no general settlement of the debts question, Great Britain could not continue to pay her American debt and allow France to disregard her obligations to Great Britain.

Lord Inchape, at the annual meeting of the P. and O. S.S. Co., Ltd., regretted that with a few exceptions the earnings on every voyage were below disbursements. They had been reluctantly compelled to reduce wages and further reductions might become necessary.

The King has ordered that civil servants of the Foreign, Colonial and India offices who are required to serve in tropical and sub-tropical or unhealthy climates outside their country of origin shall be eligible for admission to the King Edward the Seventh Home for Convalescent Officers at Osborne.

CHINA PONY PROBLEM.

JOCKEY CLUB'S DECISION.

At an extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club held last evening at the Board-room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., a proposed amendment to the Jockey Club rules, regarding the size of ponies to be allowed to race under the Hongkong Jockey Club rules, was discussed at great length. The meeting which was attended by nearly two hundred members was not open to the Press.

The amendment, which was to the effect that no pony over 13.3 hands high is to be allowed to race under the Hongkong Jockey Club rules after the conclusion of the next annual race meeting was passed. This means that all ponies under 14 hands high will be allowed to compete at the annual races, but after then no pony over 13.3 hands high will be allowed to compete.

The new amendment involves many alterations to the Club rules and an official statement will probably be issued in due course fully explaining the new position.

THE CORONET.

VARIED PROGRAMME.

Jackie Coogan is a prime favourite in Hongkong, and big houses yesterday followed his adventures with keen interest. Jackie commences as a runaway from an orphanage, afterwards gets adopted by a bullying plumber and his sympathetic wife, and then tries his practice hand at plumbing.

Comedy predominates in the picture, but in the last scene the young actor is called upon for some dramatic work, which he accomplishes admirably.

Buster Keaton shines with his original brand of humour in "The Boat," a comedy film put on in a spectacular fashion. The programme is one of all-round merit.

OUR FINANCES.

TO-DAY'S COUNCIL MINUTES.

The following financial recommendations amongst others by H.E. the Governor were considered by the Finance Committee at the conclusion of this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council:—

\$1,000 on account of Miscellaneous Services, Gratuity to Mr. T. L. Perkins.

Miscellaneous Services:—

Bathing Places, North Point, Kennedy Town, and Stonecutters' Island \$ 3,450.00

Crown Agents' Commission 1,752.00

Grants in aid of Scientific Institutions 124.00

Grants in aid of Other Institutions 137.00

Motor Cars, Running Expenses 8,892.00

Newspapers, and Periodicals 1,733.00

Other Miscellaneous Services 37,797.00

Printing, and Binding 7,699.00

Rent Allowances 8,896.00

Rent of Public Telephones 1,746.00

Telegrams sent and received by Government 4,743.00

Transport of Government Servants 54,448.00

upkeep of Typewriters 175.00

Erection of a Motor-Car Shelter, etc., at Kowloon Point 551.00

Charitable Services:—

Charitable allowance to Tsai Hin-ki 7.00

Other Charitable allowances 543.00

Passages, and Relief of Destitutes 2,381.00

Charitable Pension:—

Siu Kian-ho, widow of late L.S.C. 100 Sin Chuen 284.00

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PRIZE WINNERS.

PEAK STALL.

Table and Two chairs:—Winning No. 39, Mrs. Goldsmith. Tea Service:—Winning No. 43, G. R. More Esq.

MILITARY STALL.

Two Water Colour Drawings:—Winning No. 44, Mrs. Littlejohns.

POLICE STALL.

Men's Raffle:—1st prize, 304, G. Layton Esq., 2nd prize, 196, C. Kwang Esq., 3rd prize, 126, C. G. Perdue Esq., 4th prize, 105, W. W. Anderson Esq., 5th prize, 213, A. Miall, 6th prize, 259, Mr. D'Almeida, 7th prize, 123, D. Burlingham Esq., 8th prize, 294, G. Hogg Esq.

2nd Raffle:—1st prize, 168, W. B. McWalter Esq., 2nd prize, 153, Wong Hung Esq., 3rd prize, 137, Miss Marion Wolfe, 4th prize, 191, Miss Van Andel, 5th prize, 205, J. M. Alves Esq., 6th prize, 158, Mrs. Shum Luk, 7th prize, 135, Mrs. Cassidy, 8th prize, 216, W. L. Leask Esq.

QUARRY BAY.

(a) 1st Winning No. 54, Mrs. Stephens, 2nd Winning No. 51, Miss Dorothy Reid.

(b) 1st prize, 9, Rolly A. Meng, 2nd prize, 21, Mrs. Templeton, 3rd prize, 111, Mong Kok-sang, 4th prize, 3, Mrs. W. Bell, 5th prize, 126, Nsz Wing.

CHILDREN'S CLUB STALL.

1st prize,—Winning No. 76, Mrs. Milner Jones, 2nd prize,—Winning No. 17, Mrs. Grayburn, 3rd prize,—Winning No. 62, Mrs. T. Arthur, 4th prize,—Winning No. 88, Mrs. Alabaster.

VICTORIA STALL.

Dessert Service,—Winning No. 213, L. E. Gutierrez Esq.

Second Raffle,—1st prize, 166, 2nd prize, 61, Mrs. Mayer, 3rd prize, 107, Mrs. Hickling.

PHILHARMONIC CONCERT.

INTERESTING PROGRAMME.

The items to be given by the Philharmonic Society at their forthcoming concert, are as varied as it is possible to have them. Included in the programme is "The Inchope Rock," the well-known ballad of Sir Ralph the Rover who sank the boat of the Inchope Rock and was later drowned on the same spot. Sir Frederick has adopted an intriguing subject for his theme and has invested his music in keeping with the story. Elgar's "Banner of St. George" relates the deliverance by St. George of Sabra, a princess, from a dragon. The scoring, on the choral side as well as the orchestral, has been carried out in all Elgar's brilliancy and fineness of detail, and the stirring chorus is a typical example of his use of a marching melody. There are other items in a diversified programme, destined to bring out to the full the beauty of the voices in the Phil., but sufficient has been said to indicate that a treat is in store for all who attend on Tuesday. Booking is at Anderson's.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SEVEN NEW BILLS.

PASSPORT LAW INTRODUCED.

Seven new bills figured on this notice paper at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council. They dealt with such varied topics as holidays, the opium law, the Police Force Ordinance, the conferring of powers of arrest on forest officers, the Companies Ordinance and the Interpretation Ordinance.

The seventh of the new measures was a Bill to "regulate the admission of persons into the Colony." In connection with this the Objects and Reasons, were explained as follows:— "His Majesty's Government, and the Governments of practically all other countries throughout the world, have decided to insist upon the production of passports or other documents of identity by persons seeking to enter their territories. This bill is intended to carry out this policy in Hongkong."

THE ATTENDANCE.

There were present:—

His Excellency the Governor, Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G.

The Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Sir Chaudhry, K.B.E., C.M.G.

The Attorney-General, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., O.B.E.

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hon. Mr. R. E. Hallifax, C.B.E.

The Director of Education, the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving.

The Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Greay.

The Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. Mr. C. Mc. Messer, O.B.E.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.

The Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe.

The Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall.

Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B.E., Clerk of Councils.

Quick work.

The whole proceedings only lasted half an hour each of the Bills, after the provisions had been explained by the Attorney-General, being read a first time.

The Council then adjourned to next Thursday, at 2.30 p.m.

COMMERCIAL NOTES.

KONGMOON TRAFFIC SLACK.

Our Kongmoon correspondent informs us that the river steamers running between Hongkong and Kongmoon are experiencing a very slack time at present. Freight rates are small and the number of passengers carried on this run, has dwindled down considerably.

These conditions are attributed to the resumption of the Canton-Kongmoon traffic, which means that goods and passengers for the metropolis can now be handled direct instead of going via Hongkong. Disintegration of the trading-junk service in the Kongmoon delta and hinterland has also had a bad effect on trade, while the recent suspension of the Hok Shan tobacco merchants caused a temporary reduction in tobacco exports.

NAM PAK HONG QUOTATIONS.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations were as follows:—

Java Sugar—per picul, No. 24 rough white \$16.45, No. 24 fine white, \$16.40, No. 18 rough brown \$15.84.

Siam Rice—per picul, No. 1 long white (superior) \$8.45, (ordinary) \$8.25, new crop, \$8.20.

Flour—per sack of 50 lbs., Dayton \$2.83, Mollusc Fairy 2.78, Kwan Tao 2.78, White Greens 2.90, Sperry's 3.59, Big Gun 2.95, Reindeer 2.84, Melon 2.80 and Nutmeg Orange 2.85.

SHANGHAI BANDITS.

POLICE OFFICER WOUNDED.

SHANGHAI, December 13. A foreign special police officer was severely wounded in the thigh and arm by revolver shots during a fray with automobile bandits last night.—Reuter.

Motor Ship Construction.

At the end of the last quarter there were motor ships under construction in the United Kingdom with a gross tonnage of 254,426. A year previously the corresponding figure was 126,437, showing an increase of more than 100 per cent. in twelve months. In publishing this fact *The Motor Ship* points out that during the corresponding period the tonnage of steamers being built in shipyards in Great Britain and Ireland has diminished by over 30 per cent. These figures are sufficient to show that ship-owners are turning more and more towards the motor vessel in these times of shipping depression.

Altogether, throughout the world, there are 127 motor ships under construction, with a gross tonnage of 460,568—by far the highest figure yet recorded.

UNUSUAL CHARGES.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY ECHO.

In connection with a highway robbery at Taikoktsui on Monday, in which an old Chinese woman from the New Territories was robbed of \$144 in Chinese twenty-cent pieces, a Chinese named Cheung Sau was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with being an accessory before the fact while another woman faced a charge of being a principal in the second degree to a highway robbery.

Outlining the cases, Detective Inspector T. Murphy, said that it was alleged that the male defendant invited the complainant to his house and suggested that she bring the money to buy a child. The woman is alleged to have acted as a decoy in that she induced the complainant to accompany her to the spot where she was robbed. His Worship fixed hearing for Tuesday, at noon.

MOTOR ACCIDENT.

A "CRANKY" MACHINE.

What was thought by people in the vicinity to be a dress rehearsal for a locally produced comic cinema picture which would rival the best efforts of Charlie Chaplin and Harold Lloyd, was enacted at Queen's Road West, outside the Moon Garage, yesterday, but unfortunately, hopes of successfully pioneering the motion-picture industry in Hongkong were dashed to the ground.

The driver of car No. 405 was cranking up in front of the machine and, apparently, had forgotten that the car was in gear. He got to a stage when the car moved forwards, knocking him over and running over him. It proceeded, empty, for about fifty yards when it was brought to a halt through running into an electric standard. Meanwhile, it had knocked over an amah who was in the way. Both casualties were speedily removed to hospital for treatment.

DAYLIGHT ROBBERY.

FASHIONABLE CLUB ENTERED.

The Ying Chow Club, at No. 8 and 10, Wellington Street, which has a membership comprising a number of well-known Chinese, has been entered by four robbers who produced revolvers and held up the men on the premises in daylight. This was shortly before the tiffin interval when only a few were present. The desperadoes were not long on the premises as they left in a few minutes with about sixty dollars taken from the men's pockets.

Owing to the expected arrival of heavy mails from the United States to-morrow morning and to the closing of the parcel mail for London at noon it will probably be impossible for the General Post Office staff to sort the incoming parcels by the "Macedonia" until Saturday forenoon, the 15th instant.

DOLLAR DIRECTORY.

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To avoid delay in publication, old and new firms are requested to send particulars at once for insertion in the 1924 issue of the Dollar Directory.

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A PEAR-DRAIN.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—A new drain has, so I am told, been put in after some recent road-work at the junction of Mount Kellet Road and the old Aberdeen Road, at the Peak. There was some misunderstanding about it. What I am told is that the spigot end was placed in at the wrong end, so that the inlet connected up with the outlet. I am particularly interested in this for various reasons. There are a number who passed the spot and who state that the original work was contrary to the laws of sanitary science. Could you please direct me as to where I could obtain the necessary information from sanitary experts?

Yours sincerely,

CURIOUS.

Hongkong, December 12.
[We believe the P. W. D. has a drain expert. Ed. China Mail.]

BRANDY AND CIGARS.

ALLEGED BRIBE TO SANITARY INSPECTOR.

Six bottles of brandy and two boxes of cigars are alleged to have been offered by Au Yau-chan, broker of 125, Second Street, as a bribe to Sanitary Inspector L. Brewer, yesterday.

Au was formally charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning when Mr. R. E. A. Webster defended. Hearing was fixed for this afternoon.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the drawing of the Raffle for two Motor Cars and two Motor Boats, in aid of the Chinese sufferers in the recent earthquake of Japan, is postponed for several weeks. The date of the drawing will be announced shortly.

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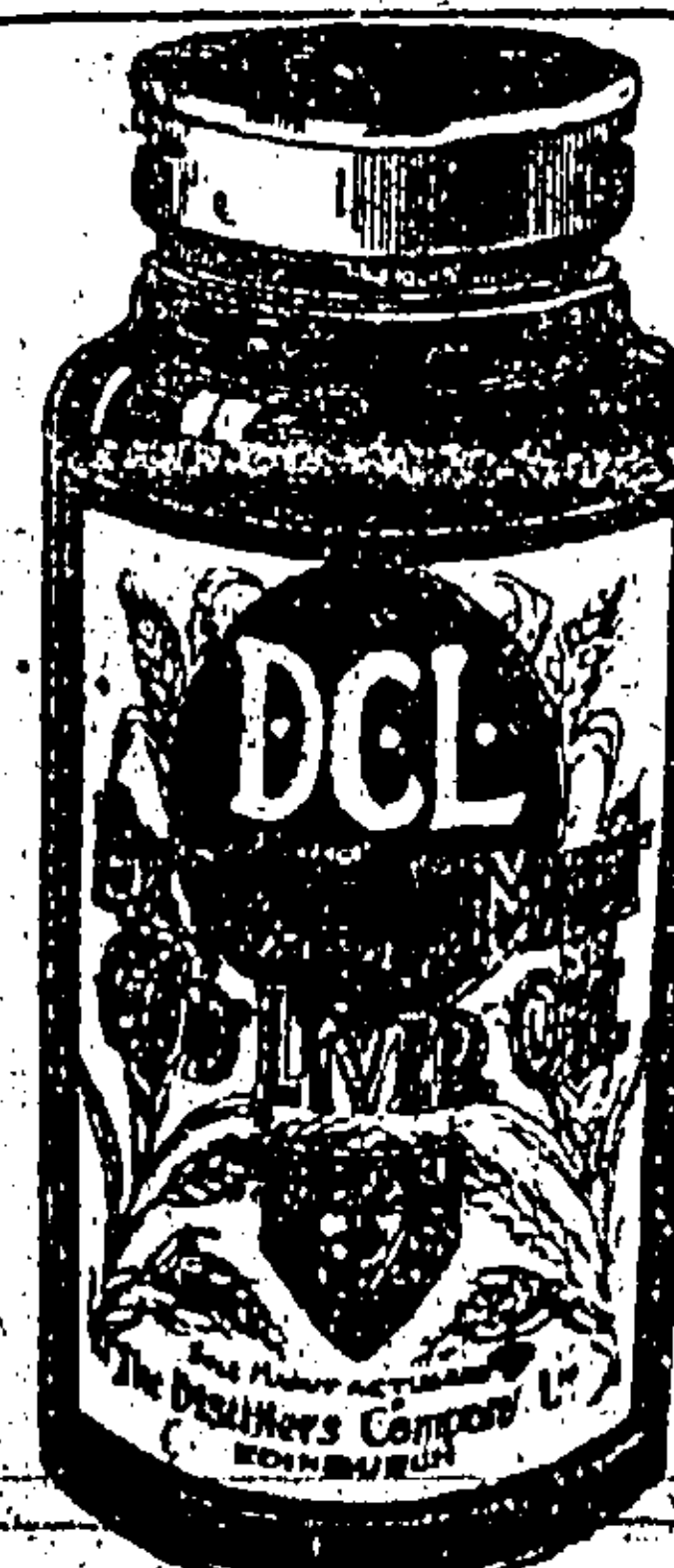
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"P.N." PROBLEM.

JUDGE ASKED FOR
RULING.

A ruling on an important point was sought by counsel appearing in a promissory note case before the Puisse Judge (Mr. Justice Compton) this morning in the Summary Court.

The parties were two Chinese firms, one of whom sued the other for \$1,000, the claim being based upon a Promissory note for that amount payable on demand.

The facts were admitted and Mr. C. A. S. Russ, who appeared for the defence, briefly explained them to His Honour. The defendant, he said, an ordinary trading firm and they formerly had a man acting as general manager, who had a share in the profits but was not concerned with the losses. The plaintiff advanced this man a sum of \$1,000 for which he gave them a promissory note "chopped" with the "chop" of the firm. He did not account for this money to the firm and apparently he misappropriated it, for which he was prosecuted.

Mr. Russ said that he and Mr. Layman, who appeared to support the claim, wanted a decision as to whether, under these circumstances, the firm were liable. It was, he pointed out, a question of agency and his submission would be that the home law on the subject was applied here by the Partnership Ordinance.

Mr. Layman emphasised the importance of the ruling, pointing out that nearly every firm borrowed money in the course of its business and used these "chops."

His Honour adjourned the case sine die in order to investigate the matter, counsel undertaking to submit a statement of agreed facts.

CRICKET.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE V.
SURREY'S.

This match was played on the I.R.C. ground yesterday and ended in a win for the Collegians. The East Surrey's batted first and thanks to fine contributions by Stripp, Capt. Kent and Capt. Rowe, they were able to declare at 150 for 5 wickets. A. A. Rumjahn took 4 wickets for 41 runs. The College started badly but A. A. Rumjahn and M. P. Madar put up 137 runs for the third the latter 69 not out. Capt. Rowe wicket, the former making 77 and howled well, taking 2 wickets for 24 runs. Scores—

EAST SURREY BATT.

Capt. Kent, b A. A. Rumjahn... 39
Lt. Armstrong, c Shaban, b Minu... 32
Lt. Allfree, c Minu, b Laing... 15
C.O.M.S. Stripp, not out... 55
T/Cpl. Clarke, b A. A. Rumjahn... 8
Sgt. Wright, c O. Rumjahn, b A. A. Rumjahn... 4
Capt. Rowe, not out... 5
Extras... 1

Total (for 5 wickets)...159

Cpl. Woodbridge, Lt. Sutton, 2/Lt. Bucklee and Pte. Ingram did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. A. Rumjahn	10	2	41	3
A. H. Madar	12	1	47	0
D. Laing	7	0	25	1
A. R. Minu	3	0	13	1
J. C. Fletcher	5	1	26	0
M. P. Madar	3	0	9	0

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

A. A. Rumjahn, b Armstrong... 77
A. H. Madar, l.b.w. Rowe... 6
S. A. Jamail, c and b Rowe... 0
M. P. Madar, not out... 50
D. Laing, not out... 4
Extras... 16

Total (for 3 wickets)...162

O. Rumjahn, J. C. Fletcher, A. R. Minu, M. Hagan, M. Shaban and R. Ho Tung did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Capt. Rowe	8	1	24	2
Pte. Ingram	5	0	33	0
Lt. Allfree	7	0	41	0
Capt. Kent	5	0	14	0
Lt. Clarke	5	0	11	0
Sgt. Wright	2	0	7	0
Lt. Armstrong	2	1	16	1
Cpl. Woodbridge	1	0	1	0

A GREAT FILM.

PRISCILLA DEAN AGAIN.

Life as it was in 1870 in the mining country in North England provides a new atmosphere for Priscilla Dean's stellar appearance in "The Flame of Life" at the World Theatre, where it opened an engagement of four days last night.

A simple but gripping story of very plain people is the basis of this Hobart Henley Universal-Jewel production. It was adapted from one of Frances Hodgson Burnett's famous novels.

Hobart Henley shows a master himself, a master of the delicate touches of real human characterizations in the manner in which he guided the filming. This picture is one of the finest works Mr. Henley has made and it will rank high among the year's screen offerings.

Robert Ellis appears as a man of higher caste than the heroine. His is an uplifting hand, helping the girl of the mines to gain her heritage of happiness and prosperity.

Wallace Beery's peculiar ability to be "a hundred per cent, villainous" is demonstrated in the role of a brutal father, untouched by any sympathetic kindness.

Beatrice Burnham and Kathryn McGuire handle secondary feminine roles. Emmett King, Fred Kohler, Frankie Lee, Evelyn McCoy, Richard Daniels, Grace Degar and Nancy Caswell complete the cast.

"The Flame of Life" offers Miss Dean such a role as she has never had, unique in all the details of its portrayal. The strength of it is shown by the fact that she has no aids in the way of beautiful sets, gorgeous gowns or hidden wealth.

Even in the end, the gush and gold of happy endings is "conspicuous by its absence." The story pictures only the first step in the girl's upward climb and does that well. Joan Lowrie is a remarkable figure in screen literature.

With its novel atmosphere and quaint characters, the thrilling yet human story of "The Flame of Life" is well worth seeing.

HOCKEY.

CLUB DEFEATED.

Yesterday afternoon at the U.S.R.C. ground the Indian eleven had the Club where they wanted them from the beginning, and after a sharp, brisk game, emerged victors by four goals to nil.

The Club had rather bad luck having to start playing without a goalie, till nearly half-time.

The Indians commenced finely by scoring in the first five minutes, and followed it up with another fine run down the field which resulted in goal number two.

Play evened up somewhat after that and the Indians though still pressing could not score again till nearly half time when their left inner, who was playing a fine game, put through number three.

The second half was far more even, the Club doing most of the pressing but did not seem able to score. One very fine shot was put in but was remarkably well saved by the Indian custodian. The Indians did not seem satisfied with their lead of three and ten minutes before the end rushed down the field and again scored.

The game was rather rough due to the speed, but was kept well in hand by the referee.

Next week the Club are playing two elevens and it is hoped that two teams will be played every Wednesday, afterwards.

WHIST, WHIST!

The result of the Whist Drive at the Seamen's Institute held last night was as follows—

GENTS. LADIES.
Mr. Leach 175 Mrs. Spanton... 174
Selby 175 Mrs. Lilliecrapp 172
Mr. Jenkins 174 Mrs. Watson... 165
Booby Mr. Lillie-Booby Mrs. Morgan 139
The next Drive is to be held on Wednesday next.

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BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

CITY HALL MEETING.

COMPROMISE SCHEME ADOPTED.

The French Government's compromise scheme in connection with the affairs of the Banque Industrielle de Chine was adopted at a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the Hongkong Branch of the Bank held yesterday afternoon at the City Hall, Mr. Hugh A. Nisbet, the Official Receiver, presided and was supported by the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, of Messrs. Lowe, Binham and Matthews, Mr. H. C. Macnamara, of Messrs. Deacon, Hargreaves and Shepton, and Mr. Fitz Henry, Manager of the Banque Industrielle.

Mr. Hugh Nisbet, addressing the meeting, said: Ladies and Gentlemen,—This meeting has been convened by the order of the Court for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, of passing a scheme of compromise, the documents in connection with which have been in your hands for a little over four months. The documents present full details of the scheme of compromise, and the list of it is set out in the epitomised summary, a copy of which was also sent you, and which to refresh your minds, I will now read to you.

The present proposal is the result of a careful examination of the affairs of the Banque Industrielle de Chine by the judicial authorities in Paris combined with a decision of the French Government to support the French creditors in the Far East by giving at its own expense special privileges to the Far Eastern creditors. A full definition of who are Far Eastern creditors is contained in the eighth article of the scheme; but, generally speaking, all creditors of the Hongkong branch of the Banque are included and thus can avail themselves of the favourable terms offered to them as a class. It must be realised that the scheme now put forward was only definitely formulated in February 1932 as it required a law passed by the French Parliament to give it full effect, and this law was passed during that month. The broad outline of the scheme is this, so far as unsecured creditors are concerned, and it is to them alone that the present offer is made.

In the first place the Banque will issue notes in the scheme called "Distribution notes" payable in French francs for the amounts due to creditors as on July 26, 1932. To arrive at sums due the following conversion rates will be employed:

£1—Fr. 462 1/2
G\$1—Fr. 12.62 1/2
HK\$1—Fr. 6.45

Such notes will cover principal, interest and charges due up to the date above stated and will be paid off within a maximum period of 25 years without interest. These notes will be issued for the amounts due in respect of every claim calculated in the manner above described and the holders will enjoy equal rights in the distribution of available funds by the Banque Industrielle de Chine.

In this connection it is to be noticed that a new company has been formed under the name of the Société Française de Gérance de la Banque Industrielle de Chine which will carry on the business of the Banque Industrielle de Chine under arrangements fully set out in the scheme, including the payment of 95 per cent. of its profits to the Banque. Payments will from time to time be made to the holders of the distribution notes, provided there is at the time a sum available for distribution equal to 5 per cent. of the total amount secured. The notes will be for Fr. 500 payable to bearer and fraction certificates will be issued for smaller amounts.

The French Government has arranged to surrender to the Far East creditors of the Banque a part of the Boxer Indemnity sufficient to secure the following advantages to those creditors and to those creditors only.

The holders of the distribution notes will be allowed to exchange them at the rates of exchange before mentioned into 5 per cent. gold dollar notes redeemable within 25 years, by yearly drawings or repurchase.

As is generally known in the Far East the payment of the Boxer Indemnity is secured upon the Chinese Maritime Customs and the sale tax and there is every reason to believe that these payments will be regularly made in future as they have been in the past twenty years or more.

The gold dollar certificates will be issued for sums of G\$58 with fraction certificates when necessary.

In the case of the ordinary distribution notes and the interest bearing gold notes a market will undoubtedly be created in the principal financial centres of the world and creditors will be able to realise these notes, if they wish to do so, at the prices current for the time being.

Lastly in the case of small depositors and the holders of notes issued by the Banque in the course of its banking business the Société Française de Gérance will pay in cash at par the gold dollar notes against which said creditors have exchanged their distribution notes. The scheme of which this is a

very curtailed epitome has been ratified by the French Government and by the principal banks in France.

Mr. Nisbet continued: I do not think I can usefully add anything further in explanation of the documents which are in detail.

The scheme has been undoubtedly framed for the benefit of the Far Eastern creditors, by the alienation on the part of the French Government of their share of the Boxer Indemnity, which may accordingly be considered in the nature of a gift, in view of the fact that claims are to be settled practically in full by the issue of gold dollar bonds.

The alternative to the acceptance of the scheme might be thought to be to rely on the local assets for a dividend. I may state that the local assets amount at present to about \$700,000—in cash, which may be increased by further realisation of assets still unsold to about \$800,000. This amount would not produce a larger dividend than approximately 10 per cent. There is, however, a legal aspect in connection with the local assets and that is that it is very doubtful whether it would be competent for the local Court to make an order to apply the local assets only in payment of local liabilities. The English and French laws appear to agree upon the pooling of all assets of a concern in every country for division *par passu* amongst all the creditors. Under the circumstances it is extremely likely that the Hongkong Court would make an order that the funds be handed over to the French administrator of the bank in Paris, and you would then have to prove your claims there on whatever basis was finally decided by the French Court.

In view of the fact that all the creditors under French jurisdiction in the Far East are parties to the scheme of compromise, this would mean the isolation of Hongkong and under the circumstances it is impossible for me to say what the outcome will be. I think I have placed the position as clearly as possible before you, and it is now for you to decide whether you will accept or reject the scheme.

For your information I have to state that as provisional liquidator I have received proxies from 343 creditors whose claims amount to Frs. 11,067,169.15 to vote in favour of the scheme of arrangement. Against this, I have received proxies from two creditors only to vote against the scheme. The value of the claims of these two creditors amount to Frs. 3,461.87 only. The currency adopted for voting purposes is francs. There are about 29 different currencies involved and the francs has been taken as the common factor. The creditors' claims have therefore been converted at the various rates of exchange specified in the scheme of arrangement, so that all claims are now on a common basis.

I may add that the affairs of the bank will, subject to the approval of the Court, continue to be under the control of the Court until such time as the distribution of the gold dollar bonds takes place, when an administrator will be made to the Court for the winding up position to be withdrawn.

Ladies and gentlemen, if you are in favour of the scheme, I suggest that you pass the following resolution—

"Resolved that the Scheme of Arrangement (formulated under the Règlement Transactionnel under French Law) as set out in the Document forwarded to Creditors together with the notice convening this Meeting be and is hereby adopted without modification, and that such Scheme of Arrangement if sanctioned by the Court and made binding on all Creditors be carried out under the supervision of the Provisional Liquidator, or a Trustee to be appointed by the Court."

Father Robert moved the adoption of the resolution as outlined by the Official Receiver and this was seconded by a member of the audience.

A number of questions were then asked by various creditors.

A creditor asked what happened in the case where the amount of money held by the Banque on behalf of a creditor was disputed.

The Official Receiver replied that this would be settled by arrangement.

Another member asked what happened to those creditors who opposed the proposed settlement and the Official Receiver replied that if the scheme was carried such creditors would be included in the scheme.

A question was asked as to what steps would be taken to secure the French Government's promise being fulfilled regarding the handing over of a portion of the funds due from the Boxer Indemnity for the payment of creditors. Was there anything binding in the promise?

The Official Receiver: I think you can rely on the French Government carrying it out. There is a law being passed through the French Parliament now. In fact, I am now informed that such a law has been actually passed.

Another creditor wished to know what rate of exchange would be paid for those having German currency (marks) in the Banque, to which Mr. Nisbet replied that the rate of exchange to operate for all

WHO'S WHO.

CHINA COAST CHANGES.

Captain C. Mather, of the "Kiung," is on reserve.
Captain W. J. Andrews, from leave, has gone master, "Kiung."

Mr. W. E. Steel, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Sochow."
Mr. W. P. Bruce, second officer, "Shuntien," is on reserve.

Mr. D. R. McAlpine, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Shuntien."
Mr. R. Kettlewell, chief officer, "Shiyang," has gone chief officer, "Kweichow."

Mr. T. T. Lee, chief officer, "Kweichow," is on reserve.
Mr. A. N. Taylor, acting master, "Kashing," has gone chief officer, "Shiyang."

Mr. D. McPherson, acting chief officer, "Poyang," has gone second officer, "Shiyang."
Mr. R. J. Nunn, second officer, "Shiyang," has gone acting chief officer, "Poyang."

Mr. T. Hughes, from leave, has gone sup'y second officer, "Tak-sang."
Mr. E. L. D. Jones, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Yusang."

Mr. E. R. Alton has been appointed sup'y second officer, "Lok-sang."
Mr. W. A. Korman, from reserve, has gone acting chief officer, "Tak-sang."

Mr. D. G. Cairn, from leave, has gone second officer, "Lok-sang."
Mr. F. P. Harris, chief officer, "Tak-sang," has gone chief officer, "Shiyang."

Mr. A. Cameron, second officer, "Lok-sang," has gone second officer, "Lok-sang."
Mr. E. P. B. Kidby, acting chief officer, "Suivo," has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. J. D. Robson, second officer, "Mausang," has gone second officer, "Kwong-sang."
Mr. G. B. Slipp, second officer, "Kwong-sang," has gone second officer, "Mausang."

Mr. W. J. Lawrence, second officer, "Wingsang," has gone second officer, "Yvensang."
Mr. C. Gray, third engineer, "Luenho," is on leave.

Mr. A. Taylor, from leave, has gone third engineer, "Luenho."
Captain J. M. Johannessen, of the "Kiung," is on leave.

Mr. A. F. Cooke, chief officer, "Kiangwah," has gone acting master, "Kiang-yu."
Mr. W. P. Campbell, second officer, "Kiangwah," has gone acting chief officer, same ship.

Mr. O. L. Knutson has been appointed second officer, "Kiang-wah."
Mr. C. E. Page, chief officer, "Shuton," is on leave.

Mr. M. McCarthy from reserve, has gone third officer, "Haiching."
Mr. H. M. Rogers, third officer, "Haiching," is on reserve.

Mr. C. Mason, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Phumang."
Mr. C. A. Hills, chief officer, "Tai Way Fong," has gone master, "Mo-Hou."

Mr. T. A. Nicholas, second officer, "Tai Way Fong," has gone second officer, "Kinsan."
Mr. J. W. Vick has been appointed second officer, "Fukwang."

WOMAN'S TORN-UP.

CLUB MYSTERY.

The discovery of a coat and hat on the footpath of Manhattan Bridge, one of the great structures spanning the East River, connecting New York with Long Island, is providing the Metropolitan Press with a first-class mystery.

The garments belong to the chief caretaker of a well-known club—a man named Dieters—who has been missing.

Mrs. Dieters declares that her husband was murdered by a wealthy member of the club who wrongly suspected him of having gained possession of letters written to the member by a woman.

She asserts that the member tore up the letters and threw them into a wastepaper basket and then accused the caretaker of having recovered the scraps and placed them together.

According to Mrs. Dieters the member threatened her husband with a revolver. The husband returned home in a desperate frame of mind protesting that his life was unsafe.

The member, a rich New Yorker, examined by the police, affirms that he is in ignorance of the fate of the caretaker.

Another member wished to know whether the scheme referred to paper francs or to gold dollars.

No further questions were asked and the motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The Official Receiver then announced that the resolution would be put before the Court for approval and subsequently the gold dollar bonds would come out which could be exchanged for Banque Industrielle notes.

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SUNDAY, 30th DECEMBER, COMBINED ORCHESTRA WILL PLAY FROM 4.30 TO 6.30 P.M.



Here is "Wolf," animal hero and one of the most conspicuous figures attending the National Convention of the American Legion in San Francisco. "Wolf" is holding in his mouth the Croix de Guerre conferred upon him by Marshal Foch for "conspicuous courage in action."



Preliminary tests, including a short flight, have been made by United States Army aviators with the new Douglas "World Cruiser," a specially designed army aeroplane, in which fliers hope soon to make the round-the-world flight of more than 30,000 miles. The ship is shown taxiing for her take-off.



Jacob Mark

Thirteen years ago, when David Lloyd George was Chancellor of the Exchequer of Great Britain, he referred to the old-age pension scheme as a "fly enshrined in amber." In the city of Polangen, Russian Courland, now Latvia, Jacob Mark, an amber dealer, heard of it and sent Lloyd George a piece of amber with a fly in it. This started a friendship which has never ended, and when Mr. Lloyd George reached New York, he sent at once for Mark, who is a steamship agent there, to renew their acquaintance.



Miss Marie Mayer

A young woman, with a delicate face of much calmness of expression and serenity, is a familiar figure in the New York City Public Library, where she is studying literary research work. She is Miss Marie Mayer, who played Mary Magdalen three times in the world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play. She was born in Oberammergau, and both of her parents before her were in the cast of the Passion Play.



Captain Lorine W. Myers

After spending 42 years in the United States Lighthouse Service, 32 years of which were passed in the same lighthouse, Captain Lorine W. Myers, has retired to perfect some of his inventions. Captain Myers was born at South Lubec, Washington County, Maine and was for 32 years in the Lubec Narrows Lighthouse. He invented the Myers nonsinkable lifeboat and is working now on a rapid-fire gun and a launching device.



Mother and son in four generations are shown in his photograph. Seated is Mrs. B. Levy, with her great-grandson, Richard O. Fraenkel the son of Mrs. Jerome G. Fraenkel, pictured standing with her father Arthur Levy. Mrs. Frankel, before her marriage 18 months ago, was Miss Olga A. Levy, member of the younger social set, of Yonkers.



Henry M. Leland

Henry M. Leland, of Detroit, of Lincoln automobile fame, believes in gasoline buggies, but he also believes in taking exercise to continue his good health. He has an office on the twenty-second story of the Dime Bank Building, and in spite of his advanced age, he walks up to it daily, spurning the elevators. He is shown as he reached the floor on which his suite is located.



Manuel Quezon

Above is shown Senor Manuel Quezon, whose activities in the Philippines against the administration of Governor-General Leonard Wood are said to have fanned a strong anti-American sentiment. So strong is the sentiment for independence that General Wood may tour America to talk against granting it to the Filipinos at this time.



William Angus Drago Montague

Duke of Manchester, has been held in Montreal, Can., on a writ prohibiting him from leaving the country until he settles a board bill of \$1,438 owed to the Hotel Mount Royal. The hotel took the action, when it was reported he intended sailing for England. The Duke's mother was the beautiful Consuela de Valle of Ravensworth, La., and his wife was Miss Helen Zimmermann, of Cincinnati.



In the 1922 world series between the Yankees and the Giants Babe Ruth was everything a ball player shouldn't be. He hit like a blind man and fielded like a cripple. In the 1923 series the Babe, who had just completed his greatest year in baseball, hit like a batting fool and fielded like the mangel he is. He hit two home runs in one game and a third—a new record—in the first inning of the last game of the series, which give the Yanks their first world's championship. Ruth is shown as he crossed the home plate in the last game.



Francis O. French, Harvard graduate, son of Amos Tuck French of New York, Tuxedo Park and Paris, cousin of William H. Vanderbilt and former Wall Street broker, is earning a living by driving a taxicab in New York, at \$50 a week. He lost his own fortune in Wall Street. French is shown here opening the door for his first "fare."

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS

Wrester's Service to the China Mail.

CUSTOMS QUESTION.

PEKING, December 12.
The Diplomatic Body yesterday afternoon replied to the Waichiao-pu's recent inquiry by a Note acknowledging receipt by the various Legations of the said inquiry, and saying that foreign vessels had concentrated in Canton waters with a view to safeguarding the Maritime Customs, which had been pledged for the Boxer Indemnity and various foreign loans.

The Naval Authorities, however, did not carry out the landing. The Diplomatic Body's reply to Sun Yat-sen was sent yesterday afternoon through the Consular Body at Canton, not through the Waichiao-pu.

The Diplomatic Body yesterday resolved to shortly publish all the recent correspondence relating to Sun Yat-sen's threat.

NORTHERN FORCES NEAR CHUNGKING.

PEKING, December 12.
Northern forces reached the outskirts of Chungking on December 8. Groups of defenders who were stationed at points two to three li from Chungking fell back on the city. As fighting within the city was expected Japanese marines landed in order to protect foreigners.

GOLD FRANC ISSUE SETTLED.

PEKING, December 12.
The Yishikpa reports that a settlement of the gold franc issue has been reached as the outcome of negotiations between the French Minister and the Finance Minister. The settlement is based on the 1901 Treaty, under which the Kuangtung is reckoned equal to gold francs three centimes seventy-five.

BRITISH FINANCIAL MISSION.

LONDON, December 11.
A British Financial Mission is leaving for Brazil on December 14. The object of the mission is to assist the Government to surmount financial difficulties. It includes the ex-Secretary for India, Mr. E. S. Montagu, and Sir Charles Adair.

TRADE RETURNS.

LONDON, December 11.
The Board of Trade returns for November are: Exports £66,768,000; Imports £101,584,000; a decrease of £5,654,000 and an increase of £1,670,000 respectively as compared with October.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

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0874, from Nippon.
Yenshinchan, from Shanghai.
Yankawa Fukai Yoko Kakegai, from Taketa.
Cohen, from Kobe.
Wan Ching 231 Queen's Road, from Marseilles.
N. LUND,
Act. Superintendent.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1923.

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R. M. MACALPINE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1923.

HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest going on the Island and Malakal is published:

Signal Station	Feet
Signal Station	1774
Ma Parker	1734
Ma Parker Lodge	1735
The Byron	1725
Peak Hotel	1806
Talkoo Sanatorium	1000
St. David	877
Brown Rd. (Nisaboda)	839

Malakal	Feet
Talukman	1124
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Lion Rock	1045
Ma Parker	1010
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FROM JAVA.
Dec. 31.—J.O.J.L. Tjilatjap.

FROM MANILA.
Dec. 31.—U.S.S.B. West Marwah.

FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
Jan. 7.—E. & A. St. Albans.

FROM VANCOUVER.
Dec. 14.—B. F. Achilles.

FROM SEATTLE.
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FROM NEW YORK.
Jan. 13.—A.O.L. Rikton.

FROM PORTLAND.
Jan. 10.—U.S.S.B. Hannawa.

FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.
Dec. 30.—J.O.J.L. Oldetok.

FROM LONDON.
Dec. 14.—P. & O. Macedonia.

FROM LIVERPOOL.
Dec. 10.—B. F. Dardanus.

FROM HAMBURG.
Dec. 25.—B. F. Emil Kirdof.

FROM COPENHAGEN.
Dec. 31.—E. A. A. J. A. J.

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Jan. 6.—E. A. A. J. A. J.

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